



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68763

Yasuhiko KOSUGI

Appln. No.: 10/070,125

Group Art Unit: 2853

Confirmation No.: 9677

Examiner: Lam S. NGUYEN

Filed: March 01, 2002

For: INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on December 17, 2003.

REMARKS

A telephonic interview was held between Examiner Nguyen and Applicant's Representative, Jason Beckstead, on December 17, 2003, in relation to the above-identified application.

During the interview, the claims of the above-identified application were discussed. In the interview, Applicant's Representative communicated that the instant claims recite (among other things) an ink container that is capable of being loaded to a carriage and which communicates with a printing device in either of a loaded or unloaded state. It was also communicated that U.S.P. No. 6,302,527 ("Walker") fails to anticipate the instant independent claims at least because Walker's ink container which is not loaded to the carriage is not capable

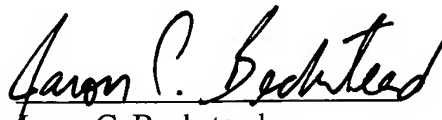
of being loaded to the carriage, and is further not capable of communicating in either of a loaded and unloaded state.

While the Office Action of October 1, 2003, compares Walker's ink container which is not capable of being loaded to the carriage to the ink container of the independent claims, such a comparison is inapposite because Walker's ink container which is loaded off of the carriage is not capable of being loaded to the carriage and communicating with the printer device in either of a loaded or unloaded state.

Examiner Nguyen stated that he would re-review the Walker reference and provide his further analysis upon the filing of an After-Final Amendment for the application (filed concurrently herewith).

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,


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